



God's Garden

God looked around His garden
And he found an empty place
He then looked down upon this earth
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest,
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills are hard to climb,
So He closed you weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you Home.



IN LOVING MEMORY



Cherry L. Gibson
April 22, 1954 – July 3, 2018

Cherry Lorraine Gibson (Blackwell) was born on April 22nd, 1954 at Hand Hospital (Shenandoah Memorial Hospital) in Shenandoah. Surrounded by loving family, Jesus welcomed her home on July 3rd, 2018 at the age of 64 years, 2 months, and 11 days.

Cherry was the baby in the family, born to Jesse and Alice Blackwell. Along with her older brother, Robert, and her older sister, Donna, she spent most of her childhood in the Imogene area.

At the age of 16, Cherry welcomed her only child, Sheila. The two were inseparable, sharing a special bond until the day Cherry took her last breath with Sheila at her side.

Cherry met Roger Gibson in 1977 and it was a whirlwind romance. Despite Alice's effort to keep them apart with a cast iron skillet, Roger and Cherry were married on June 27th, 1981. This marriage brought Cherry two step-children, Carie and Roger II (Shorty). Roger and Cherry celebrated their 37th anniversary last Wednesday when Cherry was in the hospital.

During most of her younger life, Cherry was a CNA, working at Gardenview, The Ambassador Sidney, and Elm Heights. She also worked alongside Sheila at the Little Duffer.

Cherry was a dedicated Billy Ray Cyrus fan and a VIP member of his #1 Fan Club. She went on many trips to see him perform, including Nashville, Las Vegas, and Branson. She met him several times, and had a room in her house devoted just to him. It was filled with all her souvenirs and was appropriately called "The Billy Ray Room".

Due to some health injuries, Cherry retired early, spending all her time with family and friends. She became the full-time babysitter for Sheila's two kids, Krystal and Kassidie. Cherry's passion was her grandkids. Her joy was sitting outside on the front porch with her feet up, drinking iced tea and watching them play. Her fridge was always full of the best junk food and soda, and you never had to ask if you could have some! She helped raise her grandkids, teaching them about life, love, and forgiveness. No one other than Jesus has shown as much unconditional love as Grandma Cherry.

In most recent years, Cherry was helping raise the next generation of grandkids; her two great-grandbabies, Khloe and Kynli. She was affectionately called GiGi, and she enjoyed every second of it. She always had their favorite snacks waiting, orange koolaid and Cheetos. The girls loved going to GiGi's house, where they were always spoiled and never in trouble. They will be raised knowing how incredible GiGi was, as we share the stories of our wonderful times with her.

Cherry was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Alice Blackwell; brother, Robert Blackwell; and grandson, Kassidie Runyon.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Roger Gibson and fur-babies Kong and Brook; sister, Donna Cross and husband, Doug; daughter, Sheila Wilcoxson and husband, Dan; granddaughter, Krystal Crowley and husband, Steven (great grandbabies, Khloe and Kynli); step-daughter, Carie Hunt and husband, Clint; step-son, Roger Gibson II and fiancé, Michelle; along with 10 other grandchildren. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews, and many other friends and family.

Cherry had rededicated her life to Jesus at Kassidie's funeral on May 16th, 2016. It was then that she began following and serving the Lord. While our hearts on this earth are saddened at the loss of this amazing lady, we rejoice knowing that she is with our savior in Heaven.

John 14:3 "And since I'm going to prepare a place for you, I'll come back again and welcome you into my presence, so that you may be where I am."

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



Cherry Lorraine Gibson April 22nd, 1954 – July 3rd, 2018

Celebration Of Life

Saturday, July 7th, 2018
Nishna Valley Funeral Home
Shenandoah, Iowa

Officiating
Nick Matya

Music Selections

Achy Break Heart – Billy Ray Cyrus
Go Rest High On That Mountain – Vince Gill
I Can Only Imagine – MercyMe

Poem
Sheila Wilcoxson
(Baby Sis)

Casket Bearers

Shorty Gibson (Baby Boy)
Dan Wilcoxson
Steven Crowley
Clint Hunt
Christian Hunt
Nic Riesberg

Honorary Bearers

Khloe Crowley (Firecracker)
Kynli Crowley (Baby Girl)
Kassidie Runyon (Buddy Roe)
In Memoriam

**Memorials To Roger Gibson (Daddy)*
Obituary Written With Love by Krystal Crowley (Snookums)